

**Amendments to the specification**

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 18 on page 20 with the following paragraph which has been marked to show the change made:

b. A web site presented by the server B illustrated at 205 in Fig. 2 3 may sponsor a party by directing users via links to a server D or C that provide all of the virtual party functionality and operate as an application service provider with respect to server B. The sponsor of the web site presented by server B thus provides visitors with a virtual party experience without needing to implement the necessary functions on server B.